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On the Street

Husband and Wife

My wife wears Canton flannel nightgowns.

WHAT DOES YOUR WIFE DO?

Vernon, Texas, July 10-31.—Dear Dick: You will find enclosed subscription for Messenger; we have been trying to get along without it, but everything goes wrong; so send it on.—J. M. Stevenson, Route 4.

M. S. Blackwood, farmer on Sweetwater, in town Tuesday, called at the Messenger office. "Everybody reads the Messenger," he said, as he gave in an advertisement for the classified column of his favorite paper.

From Miss Elna Martin, Dallas, to Messenger editor: "You were so kind about giving me facts recently that I am going to get your Sunday school lesson for you; beginning July 11, time 6:15 to 6:30 p. m., for three months, over radio station WRR, each Saturday."

E. T. Jones, living on route 4, follows suit with his neighbors, by getting his name down on Messenger's subscription list. Said Mr. Jones, while calling at the Messenger office: "Messenger is my favorite of country weeklies, and I had rather buy it than have any other given me free."

"Shortest session the court has ever had since I became a member," remarked Henry Walker, commissioner of precinct one, when asked Monday afternoon if the honorable body was meeting in the regular monthly session. The commissioners came together Monday and transacted all business in a few hours, and adjourned. The sessions usually last from three to six days.

Judge and Mrs. Chas. F. Spencer from Fort Worth, were visiting relatives and friends here. Judge Spencer is regaining his health, having been suffering with a stomach complaint for some time. While visiting here he called at the Messenger office, and the conversation drifted into politics who would succeed Congressman Guinn Williams in Washington? The field of candidates was reviewed.

Commissioner Abe Birdwell, here at a meeting of the court, reporting crop conditions in his section in the "heavy end," said: "Affairs quiet except the melon-growing business, and that is booming. Had a good shower Monday in the Boyd neighborhood, but understand there was little in the Paradise country. With a good rain thruout my precinct, everything will be looking up, and the coming winter will not be as hard as the last one."

Messenger learns that there is coming along some refeshing news for newspapers that have conducted legitimate and fair-dealing circulation contests. An agent here this week stated that an investigaion is to be made regarding contests in which the newspapers have double crossed and cheated the contestants. Said making misleading claims to pa- 11th (SEAL) ons. The postoffice department, Noted the gentleman has been a lax and has overlooked many ons of its regulations about these contests. Some healthy fines, followed up with jail sentences, will correct these shady deals on the part of unscrupulous country newspapers, he said.

BROWN ELECTED CARRIERS' PREXY

Popular Decatur Mail Man Honored at Waco State Convention

William W. Brown, carrier on route 6, out of Decatur, and for several years a prominent member of the state letter carriers' association, was elected president of the organization at the meeting in Waco last Thursday, and his many friends in Decatur have been congratulating him since his return from the meeting. Brown has been treasurer of the organization for several years, and he performed the duties of that office in such a manner that the members decided to promote him.

He has been a mail carrier in Wise county for 15 years and his attentiveness to his duties and courtesy to his patrons has won for him a high place in their esteem. William is a quiet, unassuming fellow, and he is recognized as one of our best citizens, and in Messenger's opinion the carriers could not have elected a man from their big membership that will give them better service as president. Such men give good organizations like that of the letter carriers, the proper place in the big affairs of the state and his sound judgement and keen business ability will promote the interests of the splendid association.

Decatur and Wise county citizens are proud of the honor given one of its best citizens, and the Messenger joins in congratulating President Brown.

Accompanying Mr. Brown to the Waco convention were Decatur carriers, Roach, Johnson, Burkett, Kendrick, and Messenger learns that the national delegate honor came "within an inch" of being taken by John Kendrick, and this honor, too, would have come to Decatur and Wise county, but, as one of the carriers remarked, "that would have been taking too much."

Joe Burnett is erecting a residence on Sunset Hill, and when completed it will be one of the most attractive in the city. It is being erected on a beautiful site, overlooking the city on the east and the valley to the west. During off hours from his duties in the postoffice, Joe is assisting in the building of the house, the third one he has erected in the city. "With Tom Waggoner on the east and me on the west, Decatur may have cause to boast," remarked Joe to a Messenger reporter, who was viewing his new residence.

Messenger is given the information, and it comes from sources absolutely reliable, that Brock Roach, veteran mail carrier on route 2, out of Decatur, has developed into a real speaker, an orator, if you please, and on several occasions of meetings of carriers, he has acquitted himself with flying colors. John Kendrick, returning from the state meeting at Waco, said: "Brock made one of the best and most entertaining speeches at our gathering." Other carriers, too, made complimentary remarks about the talk.

Gus Hughes, who has been in Ver- non for several days, managing the Perkins-Timberlake store there, returned home Monday, and is being treated for a bad foot. While doing duty in Vernon, a toe on his left foot became infected, and Tuesday he was, home all but laid up with the injury. Another Decatur citizen, Cody Milligan is about wearing bandages. Returning from Bridgeport from a business trip one evening, Cody took a wink or two of a little nap, being tired from day and night work at his ice plant, and in a jiffy the car went off the road. Several painful gashes were cut in his face.

In company with Secretary Cates of the chamber of commerce, and Hugh Breedlove, manager of the Shamburger Lumber Co., the Messenger editor visited the melon patch of some fifteen acres, of Will Renshaw, west of town. A revelation, readers; what was a field of weeds, Johnson grass, etc., with ditches and gullies running in every direction, a short twelve months ago, is today one of the most attractive cantaloupe and watermelon patches in Wise county. Not a sprig between the rows, which are about nine feet wide, and the rows of vines producing a bumper crop of the choicest fruit. It has required work, and lots of it, but Will has been on the job constantly, and, with a good rain, he will realize handsomely on his efforts.

"If we were all as prompt in meeting our obligations as one of my customers, a fellow who is probably the worst cripple you ever saw, and has to make his way by selling trinkets, etc., what a change there would be in this business world; there would be no depressions, no court proceedings on notes, etc.," were the remarks of a business man here in Decatur, in conversation with a representative of the Messenger, and he told about this cripple purchasing some merchandise, with a promise to pay a certain amount on a certain day each week and each week on that day the payments are made. From a little town up in the state of Iowa came the last weekly payments, and it came into the hands of the merchant on the day the little cripple promised he would pay.

Trahue Carswell is down from New York on his summer visit with his mother here in Decatur. "Conditions seemed to me improving when I left the east, the people in general accepting President Hoover's remedy for the depression in business, and a gradual restoring of confidence can be looked for," he said to a representative of the Messenger, while visiting with his newspaper friends. When asked about the qualifications and chances of Governor Roosevelt being the democratic party's nominee for the presidency, Tribe said the New York governor was in line for the nomination, according to reports in that section, and would probably make a strong bid for the honors. "Is Roosevelt the big man he has been pictured to the people outside of New York?" was asked by Messenger reporter. Trahue smiled, then remarked, "Something on the order of Jimmy Walker, mayor of the metropolis; a party man with the Tiger's stripe."

"They say." And who are they? They are the cowled monks and hooded friars who glide in the procession of life with shrouded faces, muttering words of mysterious import in an unknown tongue. Who are "They?" They are the midnight assassins of reputations, who lurk in the by-lanes of life with dagger tongues, sharpened by envy and malice, to draw the blood of innocence and, hyena-like, banquet on the dead. Who are "They?" They are a multitude, searching for victims in every city, town and village, wherever the great heart of humanity throbs, or the ashes of mortality finds rest from skulkers and cowards. Give me the bold robber, who thunders along the highway with flashing weapon that cuts the sunbeam as well as the shade. Give me the pirate who unfurls his black flag, emblem of his terrible trade, and shows me the plank my doomed feet must tread. But save me from the "They Sayers" of society, whose knives are hidden in a velvet sheath, whose bridge of death is woven of flowers, and who spread with invisible poison even the spotless whiteness of the winding sheet.

H. A. Mason of Fort Worth, was a Decatur visitor Saturday.

Miss Carolyn Wilson of Quanah, is visiting Misss Mary Frances Gese here this week.

"It Can't Be Done-"

--But Messenger Did It

"While I am a strong believer in the selling powers of the Messenger," stated William W. Brown, popular mail carrier out of Decatur, and recently elected president of the state rural letter carriers' association, "I am going to put the acid test. I have a church bell for sale, and will advertise it in the Messenger, and if it sells, my hat is off to your publication. Experience has taught me that the Messenger will sell most anything, but this church bell—well, it can't be done."

The advertisement was placed in the Messenger; it ran in two issues—

Then came the answer:

"Pease Valley Variety Farm, F. Schmoker, Manager, Vernon, Texas, July 12.—Mr. W. W. Brown, Decatur, Texas: Dear Sir: I am in the market for a bell, and I have seen your advertisement in the Wise County Messenger, and you have just about what I want. I am buying this bell for a little church here, and it will fill the bill. Please pack it up and send by freight to me in Vernon.

Respectfully yours,
Fred Schmoker."

BOYD GIRL IS CONTEST WINNER

Roberta Rickman Goes to A.&M. Short Course —Sent By Messenger

One hundred and twenty-five Anconas, well cared for, with accurate records kept on their activity, a neatly papered and well finished and arranged bedroom, a shelf full of 60 quarts of canned products, and a record for home cooking played their part in making Roberta Rickman the highest scoring club girl in the county and winner of the trip to the Farmers' Short Course at A. & M., offered by the Messenger.

Roberta Rickman is a fourth year poultry demonstrator of the Boyd 4-H club. She started her demonstration with red chickens, but soon changed to Anconas due to better marketing advantages. During her four years Roberta has led her club in accomplishing the assigned work.

The Messenger is to be congratulated for being instrumental in sending such an outstanding girl to this meeting at College Station, states Miss Stanford, home demonstration agent.

Boyd Citizens Support 4-H Club Work

Thelma Wilson, third year 4-H club garden demonstrator, will be sent to the Farmers' Short Course, July 27th through July 31st, by the citizens of Boyd. Roberta Rickman, fourth year club girl of Boyd, won the trip offered by the Messenger for the most outstanding club girl in the county. Audrey Ray, a third year club girl of Boyd, won the trip that was offered by the club for the highest scoring girl in the club. Thelma Wilson ran such a close second to Audrey in this scoring that the business men of Boyd and other citizens, led by Mr. W. L. Ray, made up enough money to send Thelma Wilson.

A girl who sells $70.00 worth of fresh produce from her garden, completes the third year sewing work, upholsters a chair for her bedroom and makes a good canning record, is appreciated in the Boyd community, as demonstrated by their activity.

REVIVAL DRAWS LARGE CROWDS

Rowan Will Preach On Throughout Week Twice Daily

The revival meeting at the Baptist church is attracting large crowds and making a profound impression on the community. Rev. Rowan is doing some powerful preaching which is being heard with universal appreciation. There were seven additions to the church Sunday, and interest is growing every day.

One of the highest hours of the meeting was the special service for the older people last Friday. There were more than a hundred people present, thirty-two of whom were above 60 years of age. An even dozen were above 80 years old. The boquet for the oldest person present went to Uncle Jess Fullingim, who is 89 years old. Bro. J. W. Maley, who has been a christian 77 years, received the boquet for the oldest christian present. Mrs. Ad Renshaw was the oldest resident of Wise county present. She has lived in Wise county 76 years, and the first Baptist church in Wise county was organized in her father's home, which was located where A. C. Bennett now lives. The parents of H. L. and Rev. J. L. Ward belonged to this church.

The meeting will continue through Sunday, with services each morning at 10 o'clock in the church, and at 8:15 each evening on the lawn.

R. E. BELL, Pastor.

LOCAL BATTERY GOING TO CAMP

Crack Unit of 131 Field Artillery Leave for Palacos, July 31st

Battery B, headquarters unit and combat train of Second Battalion, 131 Field Artillery, will leave July 31 for Palacios for a fifteen-day encampment. This battery is recognized as one of the crack units of the state army, and the most important parts in the annual manuevers at the camp will be taken by it, according to report from division headquarters coming to the Messenger. Special cars will carry the men and equipment to Palacios.

The following officers and enlisted men will compose the battery:

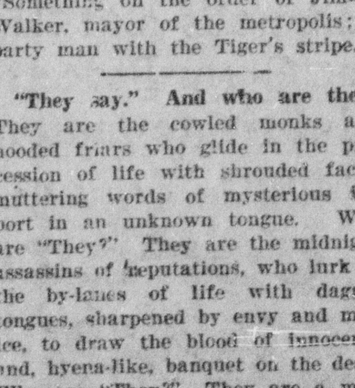
Capt. Newton P. Taylor, Lieutenants Judge M. Gibbon, Jennings C. Brown.

Sergeants Arthur R. Nobles, James W. Thompson, Onie L. Walker, C. A. Burton, Bryan Mann, Elwood McDaniel.

Corporals Charles A. Burton, Arc. Hoyle, Carl C. Rhine, James B. Roach, Benton A. Zorns.

Privates Joe G. Davis, Sam B. Pearson, B. F. Roe, Earnest C. Clay, Charley W. Davis, Harry W. Lewis, Roswell G. McQuinn, John R. Renshaw, Roy Richter, William L. Riddle, Edwin E. Shaw, Terrell Stansell, Albert H. Sydow, Gene M. Thompson, Wayne H. Whittenberg, Albert W. Alland, Ronald K. Maiden and Wilbur F. Spain.

BEAUTY EXPERT AT RENFRO CO.



Beatrice Bell, noted cosmetician from the United Drug Company of Boston, Mass., will be with the Renfro Drug Company all next week giving the women of Decatur exclusive advice on their beauty requirements. This service will be free.

Beatrice Bell comes highly recommended from the well known United Drug Company of Boston, backed by the staunch suport of the Renfro Drug Company of Decatur.

Take advantage of this wonderful opportunity offered the ladies of Decatur by the Renfro Drug Company, and let Mrs. Bell tell you of your own personal beauty requirements absolutely free.

Our Rural Readers

Shrubbery that has been cultivated during the summer is looking much better than that which has not been worked thoroughly. Warning: To keep from losing plants, cultivate them.

A meats program is now being planned for Wise county, and each farmer will have the opportunity to sit in on demonstrations of killing, curing and processing, and distributing beef, mutton and pork.

We went to see what every one had done in their club down in the Jolly community, last Tuesday. We saw levelled yards set in grass; fences that had been made straight; yards that had been filled in for two feet; handmade rugs on all of the floors, refinished furniture and cellars that were well filled. This community is certainly building some food demonstrators.

Would you like to have fruit in your orchards? If so cultivate the orchard you already have to keep the weeds down and to conserve moisture, and be sure to plant several new trees every few years to take the place of those that are getting old. If you do not have an old orchard, this next year is a good time to start one. When you start a new orchard, the locations and the types of soil should be considered, and every effort should be made to get the place ready for planting in November or early December.

Hampshire hogs are increasing. A. B. Farrington reports that his gilt purchased in the car lot shipment in May has farrowed seven fine pigs. C. C. Calvert has six pigs from one of his gilts received in the same car load. Jim Young has one gilt from the same car which has farrowed seven pigs. One of Herbert Ferguson's gilts has also farrowed. Yes, 'tis a pretty good start toward restocking the county. The 1930 census shows slighly over 5000 hogs in Wise county, while the 1920 census showed over 12,000.

Corn to can? Try this one. Gather the corn early in the morning, shuck, silk and wash the corn. Barely shave the tip of the grain with a sharp knife. Scrape the cob, which keeps the cob out of the corn. Put corn in a large pan with one-half as much water. Cook until the corn is thick. Fill No. 2 cans or pint jars within three-fourths an inch of the top, and add one-half teaspoon salt and sugar to each can. Seal, keeping warm until processed one hour at 10 pounds pressure. Remove from cooker and cool immediately. Corn canned by this method is ready to eat.

CHAS. M'DANIEL DIES SUDDENLY

Charley McDaniel, 50 years of age, and one of the prominent and enterprising citizens of the Greenwood country, died at the Cooke Memorial hospital in Fort Worth Tuesday at 12:45 p. m., following an operation for appendicitis. The remains were brought to the McDaniel home and services were held at the First Baptist church in Greenwood, and burial was had in the cemetery at that place. The sudden death of this man was a shock to his many friends as he appeared to be in robust health just a few days before he was taken down. A number of Decatur citizens attended the funeral, as he was well and favorably known here, and expressions of sorrow were heard on every hand, and all spoke of his splendid qualities as citizen and neighbor. Surviving are his wife, three daughters, mother, four sisters and two brothers.

LIBERTY POINT

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Lee and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Lee of the Hopewell community, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Lee.

Mr. and Mrs. Jewel Rich of Corsicana, spent Saturday night in the W. W. Perkins home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Peyton spent Sunday with Mr. Bill Peyton and family.

Mrs. W. W. Perkins and Mr. Bert Perkins spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Jones of Alvord.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Stockton spent Saturday night and Sunday in Alvord.

Albert Lee Perkins spent Saturday night with Elizabeth Perkins.

CLASSIFIED ADVS.

FOR TRADE—80 acre bottom land farm, six miles east on 39th highway, near Sweetwater school house, for larger farm.—M. S. BLACKWOOD, Route e6, Decatur. 1t

FOR TRADE—Residence and 4 lots in Memphis, Texas, to trade for Wise county farm.—V. J. HART, Box 1022, Memphis, Texas. 1t

FOR SALE—Six-tube Atwater Kent battery set, new tubes and batteries; will trade.—GEO. ARNETT, City. tf

FOR RENT—Three room and bath furnished garage Apartment, hot and cold water, modern conveniences.—MRS. R. L. THOMPSON, 434 West Walnut St. Decatur. 29-tf

"REDUCING" TO BE SHOWN AT MAJESTIC NEXT WEEK

Marie Dressler and Polly Moran will be seen at the Majestic theater next Monday and Tuesday, in "Reducing," their second co-starring comedy.

From all reports this picture duplicates the success of their earlie laugh feature, "Caught Short."

The principal scenes are laid in a beauty parlor, which gave Directo Charles Riesner all sorts of opportunities to get laughs out of the attempts of obese ladies to get thin and underweight ones to add a few pounds.

It is said that electrical reducing and exercising machines, permanent hair wavers, mud baths, steam rooms and a variety of other beauty appliances all play a part in making this comedy one of the funniest ever produced at the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer studios.

GARVIN NEWS

Cantaloupe shipping has begun from this community, and every one is busy at this time.

Mrs. Ernest Loafman and children Billie and Bettie Jean, spent last week with relatives in Fort Worth.

The young people of Garvin enjoyed an ice cream supper at Mr. and Mrs. Bob Harris' Thursday night.

Brother Loise Vess of Decatur, preached at Friendship Sunday and Sunday night. His sermons were enjoyed by all.

Mrs. Jim Fulps and girls, Novella, Ola and Ruth, spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Fulps, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Easley gave the young folks a party Saturday night; they all reported having a most enjoyable time.

Mr. Lynn Wisdom of Fort Worth spent Saturday night and Sunday with his grandparetns, Mr. and Mrs. John Read.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Ramsey of McAllen, are visiting Mrs. Ramsey's father, M. Sam Easley.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilis Tompson spent Saturday with their daughter, Mrs. Alf Bobo.

Our Abstract Plant is now located in the Masonic building, books up to date and are prepared to furnish complete abstracts of title to all lands in Wise County on short notice.

We thank you for past favors and respectfully solicit a continuance of your patronage.

WISE COUNTY ABSTRACT CO.
R. L. THOMPSON, Manager.

T-P STATION

WEST MAIN STREET

Recently opened under the management of Ira Maley, with first-class mechanic in charge of the repair shop. We will appreciate a portion of the trade, promising what you have a right to expect at a station giving the best of products—

GAS OIL

.PLUS SERVICE AND SATISFACTION

IRA MALEY, Manager

T. & P. Station—West Main St.—Decatur

CAMPAIGN FOR HEALTH GROWS

Small pox, diptheria, typhoid, all dreaded afflictions of mankind, these and sanitary conditions of every kind affecting human health and comfort ,are being attacked by a benevolent state and federal government in Wise county and other counties of Texas in one of the greatest health campaigns ever inaugurated.

The campaign was started in Wise county as a result of the appropriation of funds by congress. Already hundreds of people in Wise county communities have responded to it and are bing immesurably benefitted and the salutary movement continues. Mrs. W. C. Shults, Decatur, is chairman of the general county committee working in co-operation with Mrs Oma Cartwright, superintendent of schools.

At Chico last Tuesday 234 young and old people were treated with the serum to prevent typhoid, and 60 at Bridgeport, the administrating agent being Miss Grace Bonnette, special health nurse of the state department. Mrs. Shults and Mrs. Cartwright accompanied Miss Bonnette to these places. Drs. Little, Rogers and Petty are co-operating at Decatur.

ELM NEWS

Hubert Boner received some severe scratches on his face and body Saturday night while going through a barb wire fence . At last reports he was resting well; we hope for him a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Zollie Cage of Alvord, spent a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Washburn.

Miss Margaret Wiley of Decatur is spending this week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Wiley.

Lavelle Washburn spent Saturday with Mrs. Odie Washburn of the Lone Mound community.

Reunion Concessions

Those desiring concessions at the great Joe Wheeler Park Reunion of Confederate Soldiers and Old Settlers are requested to communicate with

John Gentry

Decatur - - - - - - Texas

SIMPLY SELLING FOOD ISN'T ENOUGH FOR US

SO WE'RE CONSTANTLY KITCHEN-TESTING THE FOODS WE SELL IN THE MOST UP TO DATE METHOD, AND KITCHEN-TASTING THEM IN THE GOOD OLD-FASHIONED WAY. FOR WE HAVE A KITCHEN OF OUR OWN, COMPLETELY FITTED OUT FOR COOKING AND TESTING FOOD. WE WANT TO SEE HOW OUR FOODS BEHAVE IN OUR KITCHEN BEFORE SENDING THEM INTO YOURS.

A&P ESTABLISHED 1859 "WHERE ECONOMY RULES"

BANANAS—Cheaper by the pound—lb. - - 4C
SWIFT JEWEL—8 lbs. - - - - - - - - 89C
LIFE BOUY SOAP—The Health Soap—3 bars - 19C
A-P CIDER VINEGAR—Two 12-oz. bottles - - 15C
SULTANA ASSORTED JAM—43-oz. jar - - - 43C
SULTANA ASSORTED JAM—Two 12-oz. jars - 29C
A-P PEANUT BUTTER—Two 8-oz. jars - - - 25C
BAKERS GOLD FLOUR—48 lbs. - - - - - $1.09
NECTAR TEA—for iced tea 1-4 lb., 15c; 1-2 lb. - 29C
PURE CANE SUGAR—20 lbs. - - - - - - $1.00
ROYAL CORN MEAL—25 lbs. - - - - - - 49C
SPARKLE GELATINE—The Pure Fruit Desert, 3 pkg 19C
EAGLE BRAND MMILK - - - - - - - - 19C
DIAMOND CRYSTAL SALT—3 pkg. - - - - - 10C
IONA PEACHES—Heavy Syrup—No. 2 1-2 can - 19C
KOOKOO SYRUP— 5lb., 29c 10 lb. - - - - 52C
CREAM MEAL—25 lbs., 59c; 10 lbs., 26c; 5 lbs. - 14C
8 O'CLOCK COFFEE—World's Largest Seller—lb. 21C
BOKAR COFFEE—Coffee Supreme—lb. - - 29C
GRANDMOTHER'S BREAD—16 oz. loaf - - - 5C

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PROOF

Sir Isaac Newton *proved* that the law of gravitation rules the universe . . . .

The Indianapolis and Altoona races *Proved* that Germ-Processed Oil will perfectly lubricate motors up to 120 miles per hour . . . . . .

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Travel with a Conoco Passport! . . . Send an outline of your proposed motor trip or let us help plan your trip. Get a Conoco passport, individually marked road maps and other travel helps . . . all FREE! More than 40,000 motorists used this service in the season just past. . . . . CONOCO TRAVEL BUREAU . . . Denver, Colorado

IT IS WELL TO CLAIM . . . BETTER TO PROVE

BANK WINS IN DISTRICT COURT

The case of the First National bank of Decatur vs. W. A. Lillard & Sons, suit on note and foreclosure and for damages, was taken from the jury when it had thoroly developed into a case of law and given to Judge Carter for deciding. A battery of lawyers, six in number, took part in the trial, and almost an entire day was taken up in reading decisions and arguments. Three angles developed in the proceedings, and each angle had its legal representative in the person of one lawyer or a firm of attorneys. Fort Worth supplied the greater number of legal lights. Decision of Judge Carter favored the First National bank.

The case will be appealed to the state supreme court, and it is said that it will involve a fine point in law, one that will be of great interest and importance to cattle raisers and dealers, involving the right of the holder of a first mortgage on cattle to extend credit in the form of "expenses, etc.," to protect, feed, etc., the cattle mortgaged while being looked after and marketed by the borrowe's.

FORD CARAVAN .... VISITS TOWN

One of the most complete exhibits of commercial equipment ever seen in Decatur was placed on display on Tuesday of this week with the Decatur Motor Company, for a special showing to the public. This caravan of twenty Ford trucks and commercial cars, each equipped with a different type of body, served to acquaint the public with the wide versatility of Ford products and proved to be of much interest to the crowds that gathered to inspect the equip- throughout the day. Headed e beautiful little panel body, ped with a powerful amplifer, including the specially finished ess containing the replica of the ous millionth General Electric refrigerator, a parade was staged in town and then visited others towns in the county. The value and popularity of such exhibits has been revealed in the great interest shown by the public and by the number of prospects and actual buyers who visited the display. It was indeed an unusual sight to see these twenty trucks, with bodies ranging from the small de luxe delivery to the large ambulance, police patrol and heavy duty panel job, and the display was the subject of conversation by those who viewed it, throughout the extent of its visit here.

PROGRAM OF YOUNG PEOPLE'S MISSIONARY RALLY

Following is the program of the young people's missionary rally, sponsored by the women's missionary auxiliary of the Montague-Wise Association, to be rendered at the Decatur Baptist College chapel on July 26th, at 10:00 a. m.

Song service.

The Appeal of Christ's Program to the Youth. Mrs. Clarence Kaker.

Prayer.

Piano and violin solo, Mrs. Vivian Cosby and Glynn Hearn.

Missionary message, Herbert Perce.

Afternoon Session

1:00 to 1:30. Business session of Association and W. M. U.

Song service.

Prayer.

Vocal duet, Mozelle and Eunice Roe.

Missionary orations: Junior G. A. and R. A., intermediate G. A. and R. A.; junion W. Y. A. and business women W. Y. A.

Judging of orations.

Mrs. Thos. J. Doss, young people's chairmen, will preside.

Emil Pope was arrested and fined $1 a foot for driving his automobile over 500 feet of newly laid concrete on a highway near Sherwood, Wis.

The trouble with crime in this country is that too few gangsters are hung up after they are "framed."—Longview News.

Cheap politics wouldnt' be so bad if they didn't cost so much.—Sherman Democrat.

No Substitute For Your Sweetheart

You certainly don't want any. Neither do you want substitute for Carter's Little Liver Pills as remedy for biliousness, torpid liver and constipation. Take Carter's and move nearly two pounds of Subs nsing whole system. Ac- 11th da ther. Buy at any drug (SEAL) 25c. Look for the red Notary sent substitutes.

GEO. RANN DIES SUDDENLY HERE

George C. Rann, citizen of this community for a number of years, died suddenly at his home, southeast of Decatur, Friday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, the result of a stroke of apoplexy. Funeral services were conducted at the home Saturday afternoon in the presence of a large number of friends and relatives, and interment took place in Oaklawn cemetery. Mr. Rann seemed to be in good health, and his death was a great shock. He was well and favorably known thruout this community, as a hale and hearty, well-met fellow, a good neighbor and a true friend. Surviving are his wife and several children.

Research has revealed that in hundreds of thousands of cases where loans have been made by the government to world war veterans, the first thing bought is an automobile. Well, it ought to help the automobile industry.—Palestine Herald.

NEEDY SHOULD BE FIRST CHOICE AS COTTON PICKERS

Cotton farmers of Texas, preparing for cotton picking time, are urged by J. E. McDonald, state commissioner of agriculture, to co-operate with federal employment agencies in giving preference to needy families in employing pickers.

This policy, McDonald has been informed, has been adopted by the Texas representatives of the U. S. department of labor farm employment service. Some 400,000 pickers will be used, it is estimated, on the crop this year, and many persons who have been out of employment for many months will have their first opportunity to earn a little money.

The farmers, badly in need of all the help they can get themselves, should welcome this opportunity to help others who also have suffered in the present period of depression, McDonald said. Cities and civic agencies may co-operate by furnishing transportation to the fields for those pickers unable to pay their own transportation costs.

The policy of sending the neediest families to the fields first, which the federal employment service has now adopted, is highly commendable, McDonald said.

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"Our Country! In her intercourse with foreign nations, may she always be in the right; but our country, right or wrong." —Stephen Decatur.

Thursday Morning, July 16, 1931

Forty Years Ago

July 18, 1891.

A painful and almost fatal accident happened the night of the 12th to Tom Ferguson at his home near Cottondale in his county. Geo. Matheson, a young man living at his house, had been shot at that evening from the brush by some unknown person, and that night he laid down with his pistol cocked in his hand and informed Ferguson that if he heard an unusual noise to waken him. During the night Ferguson thought that he heard some one in the yard, and he slipped into Matheson's room and shook him, when Matheson thinking that he was about to be assassinated began shooting. Ferguson caught the pistol just as it was discharged and received a wound in the hand, taking off three of his fingers. Matheson was also shot through the hand at the same time. This being the same community where young Bass, a few nights since, was shot while sleeping, there is much excitement over the affair.

Adam Forepaugh's Immense Combination Show is coming to Texas.

Rufus Booth, an old settler of the Chico country, was among our esteemed visitors on Monday. He said they were needing rain in his section.

The Custis boys are putting up a new gin at the Hutton Pond near Paradise.

Our young friends, Prof. Bun Johnson and Miss Allie Rhodes of Paradise, were married by Rev. Bennett of this city, on last Saturday, while sitting in their carriage in front of the court house. We presume a love of romance was their motive in being thus married, as it is not known that the "old folks at home" urged any objections. They are very worthy young people, and the Messenger wishes them a long and happy life.

Thos. F McClure dropped in to see us on Wednesday in company with J. P. Miller of Paradise. Tom had just come down from the Chickasaw Nation, where he had visited his father, John McClure, a former resident of the Paradise country, and others formerly of this scounty. He said that Miss Eva Mershon expected to surprise her numerous friends and relatives in this county with a visit in the near future. Of course it will be an agreeable surprise. He also reports that our Wise county wanderers all seem to be doing well in the Nation and to be steel-shod against election.

The silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Greathouse occurred on Wednesday evening of this week.

It is said that Congressman Bailey will discuss the sub-treasury with some leading Alliance man, at Decatur, on the 8th of August.

J. B. Abbott of Memphis was in the city last week.

A hotel of 20 rooms is talked of at Greenwood, and that town seems to be enjoying a building boom.

Prof. D. J. Simpson is now principal of the Gibtown school.

Charles Barker of Springfield, Mo., was arrested on complaint of his daughter for spanking her because she was too generous with her kisses to swains on the front porch.

Twenty Years Ago

July 21, 1911.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Simpson, July 19, a son.

Misses Stutt from near Paradise, were reunion visitors.

Misses Ripple Frazer and Ruth Carswell have been visiting in Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. Twit C. Cobb from Cleburne, and Miss Elizabeth Cobb from Dallas, were reunion visitors.

Mrs. E. P. Gibson and children will leave next week for a two weeks' visit with relatives in Bowie.

Mises Cora and Dollie Boyd have returned from a ten days' visit to relatives and friends in Devol, Okla.

A party of descendants of early day settlers of Decatur enjoyed a big time at the country home of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Cates Saturday evening.

The WeDelve members were royally entertained Tuesday afternoon by Miss Mary Cates at her 'Twixbridge' country home.

Thursday evening of last week during the reunion, Mrs. Henry Greathouse entertained a crowd of "old times" at her cozy camping ground.

Marriage licenses: Will Boydston to May Moody; W. R. Hardee to Mary Dawson; Shelby Fowler to Virgie Terry; L. C. Caddell to Nettie Terry; J. A. Harmon to Mittie Clark; T. H. McGovern to Ruby Rosenburg; Ernest Hunt to Grace Brewer; Lafayette Mosier to Eula Mattox.

Miss Lillie Reed, formerly a teacher in Decatur schools, visited friends here this week. She was en route to Korea, where she goes for five years' service as a missionary from the Methodist church. She has spent the past three years in preparation for the foreign fields. Miss Lillie is a splendid young lady of true christian character and many accomplishments and her many friends here wish her well in her new work.

Chas. Cates, III, of Dallas, who is visiting his grandparents at Twixbridge farm, is a genius, indeed. At the age of twelve years this little fellow has constructed a miniature airplane that would do credit to the ability of a sure enough "birdman." And as a cartoonist, he is a wonder, one of his best pieces of work being a pencil sketch of his grand daddy, while the pioneer was reclining in his easy chair on the ample porch of his home, while enjoying an afternoon nap. Chas., III, is a frolicsome bright-eyed youngster and is having the time of his life on the farm.

Monday afternoon a heavy hail storm visited the Briar community and literally destroyed quite a number of cotton fields. This is one of the most severe storms that has visited that country in years.

Our old friend, Trabue Carswell, is in the city visiting friends and his parents. For the past two years Trabue has been in New York City with a law firm. He looks hale and hearty and is happy as a big sunflower to be with his old friends again. He will be here about two weeks, when he will return to his duties in the big eastern metropolis.

Go to the Majestic for the latest and best pictures.

A gum-chewing dog makes daily trips to the public library in Norwalk, O., where it collects the gum which has been parked under the edges of tables and chairs.

OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF THE FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE

Peoples State Bank

at Paradise, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 30th., day of June, 1931.

RESOURCES

Loans and discounts, on personal or collateral security	$ 37,258.00
Loans secured by real estate	1,609.00
Overdrafts	3.20
Securities of U. S., any State or subdivision thereof	14,400.00
Furniture and Fixtures	$1400.00
Cash in bank	1,332.81
Due from approved reserve agents	56,315.14
TOTAL	$112,318.15

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	$ 20,000.00
Surplus Fund	7,000.00
Undivided profits, net	2,,154.47
Individual Deposits subject to check, including time deposits due in 30 days	83,163.68
TOTAL	$112,318.15

STATE OF TEXAS,
County of Wise

We, T. B. Peek, as President, and M. H. Peek, as Cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

T. B. PEEK, President.
M. H. PEEK, Cashier.

CORRECT—ATTEST:
L. P. O'SHIELDS
MRS. J. F. SHINKLE,
L. P. O'eeJ cmfkwqj%NW
MRS. W. H. CASEY ,Directors.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8th day of July, A. D. 1931.
(SEAL) J. H. NIX
Notary Public, Wise County, Texas

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LOCAL NEWS

Jack Truitt and B. S. Mason were here from Greenwood Monday.

Judge H. E. Brady was in Fort Worth Tuesday on business.

Mrs. H. M. Helm and sons are visiting in Glen Rose this week.

Mrs. O. E. Wyatt of Wichita Falls visited in Decatur Saturday.

Allen Rowan of Wichita Falls, is visiting relatives here this week.

Watson Clifton is visiting his cousins in Estelline, Texas.

Mrs. Bill Rippy and daughter, of Fort Worth, were here last week.

Orus Mooney was a Denton and Dallas visitor last week.

Miss Rheta Lynch of Chico, was a Decatur visitor Monday.

Weldon Griggs of Dallas, visited homefolks last week-end.

Lloyd Wyatt visited his mother in Wichita Falls last Sunday.

Mrs. Jack Moss and daughters of Denton, were week-end guests here.

Miss Vera McCurdy of Bridgeport was a Decatur visitor Friday.

Mrs. R. F. Bell and daughter, Miss Joye, were Fort Worth visitors last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Maley and Mr. and Mrs. Charley Burton were in McKinney last Friday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Patterson and son, Fred, were Greenwood visitors Sunday.

Miss Olivia Simpson of C. I. A. at Denton, was a Decatur visitor Monday.

Mrs. Audrey Coffee and children of Los Angeles, are visiting Mrs. John Hogg here this week.

Bert Milligan of Oklahoma City, visited his sister, Mrs. J. V. Patterson, here this week.

Miss Betty Agnes Workman visited her aunt, Miss Nettie McCormack, in Duncan, Okla., this week.

Trabue Carswell of New York City is visiting his mother, Mrs. R. E. Carswell, here.

Mrs. Joe B. Rice returned Monday from Dallas, where she had been visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Alland of Fort Worth, visited homefolks here last week.

Miss Clara Castleberry of C. I. A. at Denton, visited friends and relatives here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Ward of Fort Worth visited Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Renshaw here last Sunday.

Misses Pauline Hoffman and Frances Spencer were Chico visitors last Friday night.

Mrs. and Mrs. Wade Hampton were Bridgeport visitors on last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Pearson and children were Fort Worth visitors Monday.

Misses Louise Greer and Ava White are visiting Miss Maurine McCracken in Dallas this week.

Lester Morris and boys, who have been visiting relatives, left Monday for Pueblo, Colo.

Mrs. Hattie Rutherford and her daughter of Dallas, visited Miss Bess Coleman here last week.

Miss Kellie Ruth Anderson of Fort Worth, was a Decatur visitor Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Finn and children of Sunset, were Decatur visitors last week-end.

Mmes. C. L. Christian and W. W. Boyd were Fort Worth visitors last Tuesday.

Mrs. J. M. Kerr of Bethel, is spending a few days with her daughter-in-law, Mrs. D. L. Kerr and Miss Alice Frances Kerr.

Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Whitecotton and children and Mrs P. G. Thomas spent Saturday night and Sunday in Dallas visiting relatives.

Mrs. S. J. Madden has returned home, and has opened her boarding house on South Trinity street, and she will be glad to meet her many friends, and the public in general, promising the same good and accomodating service.

Mrs. Scott W. Hickey and children last week joined Rev. Hickey at Mountain Park, Okla., where he is conducting a camp meeting.

Miss Emma Dean Belew visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Belew, in Fort Worth Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. F. I. Thompson and children of Tulsa, Okla., are visiting Mrs. Thompson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Stepp here.

Mrs. Ruth Locke and children, Taz and Nora Faye from Wichita Falls, are visiting Mrs. C. O. Shaw. Taz is manager of the Somerville Law School of Fort Worth.

Mrs. H. O. Madden of San Antonio, and Mrs. M. E. Carrell of Fort Worth ,have been visiting Mrs. S. J. Madden.

Miss Pauline Hoffman left on last Sunday morning for the Ozark mountains, where she will spend a few days.

Applicants for the local W. M. U., First Baptist church, scholarship to D. B. C. are asked to apply to educational committee, Mrs. Floyd Clifton, chairman, by July 24th.

These out of town friends were present at the funeral of Mr. George Rann. Mrs. Millican, Mrs. Rann's mother; Grady Millican, wife and children; Sam, Frank and Rosalie Millican, all from Loving; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Chastain; Vennie Brannon; Jim Cox, of Denton; Ben Chastain and wife, Dallas; Mrs. Henry Donaldson and Mrs. Harry Mason and daughter, of Fort Worth; Mr. and Mrs. Posy and son. Mr. and Mrs. Stephens, Mr. and Mrs. Terry, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis, Rev. Hall and wife, Lizzie Mae Shoemaker, and Mrs. Rains, all from Bowie.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Stevenson and daughter, Helen, and Mrs. Ray Casey were Fort Worth visitors Tuesday.

Mrs. Paul Smith left the first of the month for Denver, Colo., where she will be located for about four months.

Mrs. O. M. Whitecotton and children, Mrs. P. G. Thomas, Mrs. Billy Green and Mrs. Marvin Simpson spent Wednesday in Jacksboro as guests of friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Reed of Fort Worth, were Decatur visitors last week. Mrs. Luther Reed accompanied them to West Texas. Mrs. S. E. Smith returned home with Mrs. Reed.

It will pay you to study the Classifieds—Try it.

Charter No. 2940 Reserve District No. 11

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE

FIRST NATIONAL BANK

of Decatur, in the State of Texas, at the close of business on June 30, 1931.

RESOURCES

1. Loans and discounts	$239,386.56
3. United States Government securities owned	50,450.00
4. Other bonds, stocks and securities owned	51,329.80
6. Banking house, Furniture and fixtures	44,565.75
7. Real estate owned other than banking house	16,265.00
8. Reserve with Federal Reserve Bank	22,874.46
9. Cash and due from banks	105,735.87
10. Outside checks and other cash items	846.01
11. Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurtr and due from U. S. Treasurer	2,500.00
14. Other assets	50.00
TOTAL	$534,003.45

LIABILITIES

15. Capital stock paid in	$100,000.00
16. Surplus	5,000.00
17. Undivided profits—net	4,039.60
20. Circulating notes outstanding	50,000.00
21. Due to banks, including certified and cashiers' checks outstanding	10,834.12
22. Demand deposits	293,187.90
23. Time deposits	69,532.17
26. Bills payable and rediscounts	1,409.66
TOTAL	$534,003.45

STATE OF TEXAS,
County of Wise.
I, E. P. GIBSON, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
E. P. GIBSON, Cashier.

CORRECT—ATTEST:
E. H. BAUMGARTNER, J. A. SIMMONS, ALF BROWN, Directors.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8th day of July, 1931.
(Seal) W. T. HILL, Notary Public.

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Charter No. 13285 Reserve District No. 11

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE

FIRST NATIONAL BANK

of Rhome, in the State of Texas, at the close of business in June 30, 1931.

RESOURCES

1. Loans and discounts	$58,498.88
2. Overdrafts	218.82
4. Other bonds, stocks, and securities owned	750.00
6. Banking house, $1700, Furniture and fixtures $2332.50	4,032.50
7. Real estate owned other than banking house	2,539.67
8. Reserve with Federal Reserve Bank	3,548.72
9. Cash and due from banks	4,842.41
TOTAL	$74,431.00

LIABILITIES

15. Capital stock paid in	$25,000.00
17. Undivided profits—net	361.90
22. Demand deposits	49,069.10
TOTAL	$74,431.00

STATE OF TEXAS,
County of Wise.
I, Joel R. Chambers, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
JOEL R. CHAMBERS, Cashier.

CORRECT—ATTEST:
J. H. ROWAN, Z. B. BOBO, W. W. MORRIS, Directors.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8 day of July, 1931.
(Seal) J. W. NAUGLE, Notary Public.

OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF THE FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE

Continental State Bank

at Rhome, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 30th day of June, 1931.

RESOURCES

Loans and discounts, on personal or collateral security		$34,454.69
Loans secured by real estate		200.00
Overdrafts		446.00
Securities of U. S., any State or political subdivision thereof		22,700.00
Customers' bonds held for safekeeping		3,700.00
Banking House $1285, Furniture & Fixtures $1100—		2,385.00
Real Estate owned, other than banking house		745.66
Cash in bank		1,578.84
Due from approved reserve agents		22,307.48
Interest in Depositors' Guaranty Fund		604.70
TOTAL		$88,680.83

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	$17,500.00
Surplus Fund	3,400.00
Undivided profits, net	1,098.95
Individual Deposits subject to check, including time deposits due in 30 days	55,692.67
Time Certificates of Deposits	7,289.21
Customers' Bonds deposited for safekeeping	3,700.00
TOTAL	$88,680.83

STATE OF TEXAS,
County of Wise:
We, W. M. Koonce, as President, and R. E. Petty, as Cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.
W. M. KOONCE, President.
R. E. PETTY, Cashier.

CORRECT—ATTEST:
W. R. BOYD,
E. R. WRIGHT,
M. D. LEWIS, Directors.
Subscribed and sworn to before this 11th day of July, A. D. 1931.
(SEAL) I. J. WREN
Notary Public, Wise County Texas.

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BANANAS, Dozen - - - - - 19C
FRESH COCOANUT, Per Pound 24C

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SWIM CAPS
Latest Styles and Colors

Lorraine	75c
Sheba	$1.00
Surf-Rider	39c
Modernistic	75c
Nantaski	29c
Miss America	75c
Muriel	19c

Fountain Special
Renfro's Lime or Fresh Orange Freeze
15c Value
10C

Gauzets Sanitary Napkins
Package of 12
29c

LOW CUT PRICES

HINDS	Honey and Almond 50c size	29C
HARMONY	Cream of Almonds	27C
HYGENIC	Rexall Powder	47C
VERASEPTOL	Antiseptic, 75c Size	49C
PETROFOL	For constipation Full Pint	47C
NUJOL	Mineral Oil $1.00 Size	59C
BISMA REX	Anti-Acid Powder	47C
BISODOL	Relieves Indigestion 65c Size	48C

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Extra large spray head and patented faucet connection.
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LONE MOUND NEWS

Mr .and Mrs. Wilson Stevens from Fort Worth, spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Wiley.

Mr. and Mrs. Riley Scott of the Jonestown community, Mr. and Mrs. Mahler of Forestburg spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Jake Monroe.

Mrs. Myrtle Cage of Alvord spent one day with week with Mrs. Nora Washburn.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Spencer of Borger, are spending a few days with his mother, Mrs. S. B. Spencer.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Neil of near Alvord, were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Farrington.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Claborn of the Red Door community, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. George Reed.

Miss Lavell Washburn of Alvord, spent Saturday with Mrs. Nora Washburn.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmitt Raley of the Foster community, visited Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Farrington Friday.

Several of the young folks from this community attended singing at Oak Grove Sunday.

Misses Millie and Lovetta Farrington spent one night last week with Mrs. Laura Raley of the Foster community.

Te 4-H club will give an entertainment Friday night, July 17th, at the school house.

Mr| Lou Taylor of Wichita, is visiting Mrs. E. B. Bowman this week.

FOOD SALE SATURDAY

The ladies of Sand Hill church will sell cakes, pies and dressed chickens Saturday in the building formerly occupied by Mrs. Melton's millinery shop. Buy your Sunday dinner from them and help a good cause. The funds go for the benefit of the Sand Hill church.

OUT IN WEST TEXAS

I'm out here in West Texas,
Where it never rains a drop;
Where the wind blows like the devil,
And was never known to stop.

All you see is sand and cactus
In this God forsaken land,
Where all the crows carry knapsacks
And you fry eggs in the sand.

There is a little town called Wink
That is a wild and wooly place,
Where all the girls carry six guns,
And the horned toads all sing bass.

The men you see are rotary drillers,
And the roughnecks are all half shot.
It is not a land of milk and honey—
But the land that God forgot.

Now if the Lord will just have patience
Till I ger my next month's pay,
I'll pack my few belongings
And hit the main highway.

Then back to old Wise county,
That great and glorious land;
And say farewell to West Texas
With its sage bush, wind and sand.

—Contributed.

Card of Thanks

We wish to express our deepest and most heartfelt appreciation for the kindness shown us during our period of sorrow in the death of our dear husband and father, Mr. George Rann. It is good to know that we have such friends, and again we thank you.

Mrs. George Rann, Mary Lee Rann, Cleo Rann, Charles Rann and Paul Rann.

REVIVAL MEETING AT CHURCH OF CHRIST

A revival meeting begins tonight ot the Church of Christ in Decatur, conducted by Rev. E. H. Garner, with Sim Norton in charge of the singing. The meeting will continue for ten days and everyone is extended a cordial invitation to come out each evening at 8:15 and hear Rev. Garner.

Mrs. Billy Green and son of Healdton, Okla., are guests this week of Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Whitecotton.

MEETING AT GREENWOOD

The meeting will begin at the Methodist church at Greenwood, on next Sunday, July 19. The pastor will be assisted by Dr. W. F. Bryan.

W. A. PRITCHETT.

RALPH GAGE BUYS LAMBS TO BE SHOWN AT FORT WORTH

Ralph Gage, Decatur Future Farmer, bought four lambs to be fed out as a project in vocational agriculture and exhibited at the Fort Worth fat stock show. The lambs were selected out of the Herbert Ferguson flock and averaged seventy-six pounds per lamb. Ralph plans to shear the lambs and keep on light feed until the weather begins to get cool, then gradually get them on a heavier fattening feed.

Other Future Farmers planning to feed and exhibit lambs as vocational agriculture projects include Gordon Reed, Bill McDonald, George King, Paul Wright, Clyde Edward Holt and Travis Wilhite.

Miss Hannah Marie Renshaw is visiting in Austin this week.

REVIVAL TO BE HELD AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH IN RHOME

The revival at the Baptist church in Rhome is to begin the first Sunday in August.

Rev. W. E. Hicks of Cape Giradeau Missouri, is to do the preaching, and Brother Frank Adams of Paragould, Arkansas, is to conduct the music.

These men assisted in a meeting at the Boyd Baptist church in the spring which was considered a very successful meeting. We are expecting a good old-fashioned revival of religion and want you to have a part with us.

Remember—the first Sunday in August.—Reporter.

OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF THE FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE

FIRST STATE BANK

at Newark, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 30th day of June 1931.

RESOURCES

Loans and discounts, on personal or collateral security	$13,394.47
Overdrafts	3.23
Securities of U. S., any State or political subdivision thereof	7,700.00
Banking House $900, Furniture and Fixtures $700—	1,600.00
Cash in bank	1,991.64
Due from approved reserve agents	11,951.55
Interest in Depisitors' Guaranty Fund	169.99
Assessment Depositors' Guaranty Fund	223.34
Other Resources	219.25
GRAND TOTAL - -	$37,253.47

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	$10,000.00
Undivided profits, net	427.03
Individual Deposits subject to check, including time deposits due in 30 days	26,826.44
GRAND TOTAL - -	$37,253.47

STATE OF TEXAS,
County of Wise:

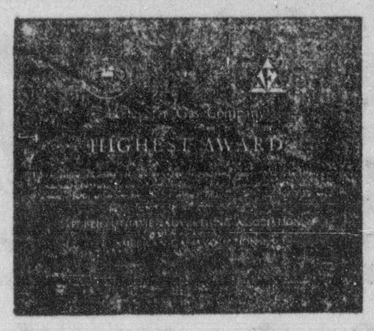
We, R. A. Hudson, as President, and A. A. Allen, as Cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

R. A. HUDSON, President.
A. A. ALLEN, Cashier.

CORRECT—ATTEST:
J. M. SESSIONS,
G. W. DRAKE,
W. M. PEDEN, Directors.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9th day of July, A. D. 1931.
(SEAL) GEO. W. DOUGHTY
Notary Public, Wise County, Texas

Southwestern Utility Wins National Recognition in Advertising Competition



Replica of Highest Award Certificate

ADDITIONAL national recognition of advertising which was planned, produced and published in the Southwest came to the Lone Star State recently when two newspaper advertisements of a Southwestern public utility company won awards in national competition.

One of these advertisements, entitled "Now Is the Time to Learn How One Match Can Heat Your Home All Winter," appearing last September over the signature of the Lone Star Gas Company in this and other newspapers of this territory, has been awarded first prize in a contest conducted by the Gas New Business Division of the annual Better Copy Contest conducted by the Public Utilities Advertising Association of America. The award carries a handsome engraved scroll detailing the fact that this particular advertising copy was judged the most excellent in its class among the thousands of entries offered by utility companies throughout the United States and Canada. More than 2,000 advertisements were entered. The copy was prepared by George Nash, of Tracy-Locke-Dawson, Inc., national advertising agency of Dallas which serves the Lone Star Gas Company.

The same company also received additional recognition when a local advertisement written by Miss Lois Upshaw, of the Lone Star advertising department's staff, was given third prize in the institutional division for gas companies. This advertisement was published over the signature of the Dallas Gas Company, a Lone Star subsidiary.

Awards in the contest totalled 36, and only two others, besides those won by the Lone Star advertisements, were won by Southern companies.

NOW is the time to learn how 1 match can heat your home all winter

LIGHT YOUR GAS FURNACE THIS FALL
. . . . . TURN IT OFF NEXT SPRING

WHY LIVE in one or two rooms of your home during most of the winter? You can just as easily have every room comfortably warm. If at your winter parties you spend half of the time adjusting fires . . . opening and closing windows . . . wondering if everyone is comfortable . . . then automatic heating will be especially interesting to you. One match ends all of your winter heating problems when you install a gas furnace. You merely light the furnace in the fall and it heats your home automatically all winter until you turn it off next spring.

Your husband will be bragging that he tends his own furnace. Then, with a smile explain that winding an 8-day clock is all the attention his new gas furnace requires. He will proudly invite friends down to the furnace room on a tour of inspection—a furnace room spotlessly clean.

When questioned about the mechanics of the furnace, he will suavely admit that he doesn't know a gasket from a gadget, but why should he? There's not a single moving part to get out of adjustment, become noisy or wear out. Why, it "orders its own fuel as it needs it," makes its own adjustments to changes in outside temperatures . . . holds the temperature inside comfortably uniform . . . and never varies over one degree.

You already know that natural gas is always clean . . . always cheap and easily handled. Now learn the extra convenience of heating your home with a modern gas furnace. Enjoy the new warmth . . . safety . . . dependability . . . and efficiency that it brings you. Give your family the luxurious comfort of a perfectly heated home *this* winter. We invite you to make an appointment for our representative to call and discuss your heating problem now—without obligation, of course.

Lone Star Gas Company

Supplying Gas Wholesale to Your Gas Company

GAS

BEAUTIFUL NEW FORD *De Luxe Bodies*

TOWN SEDAN *DE LUXE SEDAN*

CONVERTIBLE SEDAN

DE LUXE TUDOR *VICTORIA*

CABRIOLET

THE most striking fine car types ever offered at such low prices are now being presented by Ford dealers. These are the six newest de luxe creations of the Ford Motor Company. They are designed and built to meet every need of the automobile buyer whose desire for motoring luxury and outstanding performance is tempered with sound economy.

Get the facts about these fine cars. Compare their lithe, clean-cut style with any you have ever created in your own imagination. Learn about the de luxe materials with which each car is trimmed and upholstered, and how carefully these are tailored. Sit and ride in the wide, restful seats and you will realize that just as no restrictions have been put on mechanical performance, so no limits have been placed on comfort and beauty.

There is much to interest the careful buyer—a choice of sparkling colors, a variety of rich upholstery materials, Rustless Steel, safety glass, Houdaille double-acting shock absorbers, one-piece welded steel wheels, slanting windshields, and many other features which make the Ford a happy investment.

Ford

Stop in *before you* start out

How are your tires, battery, oil 'n everything?

Latest Improved
GOODYEAR PATHFINDER
Supertwist Cord Tires

Let us show you the finer quality that you get because Goodyear builds MILLIONS more tires

$4.98 4.40-21 (29x4.40)

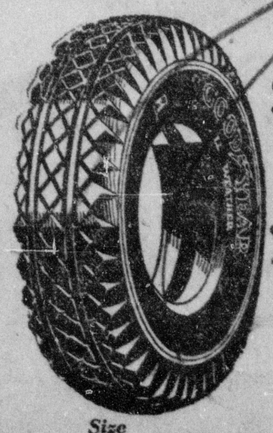
$9.60 per pair

Other sizes equally low

Size	Each	Pair
4.50-20 (29x4.50)	$5.60	$10.90
4.50-21 (30x4.50)	5.89	11.10
30x3½ Reg. Cl.	4.39	8.54

New Improved 1931
GOODYEAR ALL-WEATHER
Supertwist Cord Tires

The latest greatest reason why more people ride on Goodyear Tires than any other kind



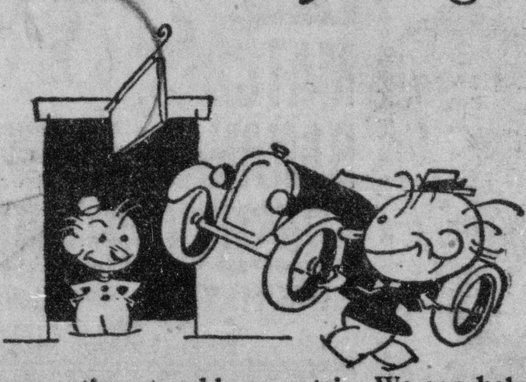
$8.55 4.75-19 (28x4.75)

Other sizes in proportion

Trade in old tires

Size	Price
4.50-20 (29x4.50)	$7.45
5.00-19 (29x5.00)	9.15
5.25-18 (28x5.25)	10.35

New Improved Guaranteed Goodyear Speedway 30x3½ **$3.95**



Nothing is more bothersome than trouble on a trip. We can help you avoid this. Stop in and let us look your tires over, check up on the air, remove tacks, glass and other things that might cause punctures. You will have a better time if you use our service before you start out . . . A great deal of what we do—and gladly do!—costs you no more than a "Thank You."

DECATUR MOTOR COMPANY

Phone 117— —Decatur, Texas

PARADISE NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Barnett and family of Tulia, are spending their vacation with relatives here.

Mr. Pres Rushing of Arizona, is visiting with his brother, Dock, of this place.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Davis of Saginaw spent the week-end in our little town.

Judge H. E. Brady of Decatur, visited in the home of his old friend, Bob Stutt, and family last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrc. J. G. Siddons made a business trip to Fort Worth Friday.

Miss Maxine Nappier of Albany, spent Sunday friendshere.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis of Austin, are visiting in the home of their daughter, Mrs. Jonah Collins.

Mrs. J. B. Collins of Gainesville, has been visiting with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis of Austin, are visiting in the home of their daughter, Mrs. Jim Harrison.

Miss Velma Crowder of near Decatur, is spending a few weeks with her sister, Mrs. Jonah Collins.

Mr. J. B. Collins from Gainesville, has been visiting relatives here.

RUSH CREEK NEWS

The crops are all suffering for want of rain.

The Spring Mound Baptist revival meeting is to begin on July 31st. Night services will be held in the open. Rev. Oscar Patterson of Fort Worth, will conduct the preaching services. Mr. Aud Washburn will have charge of the song services. Everyone is invited to attend services.

Mrs. Emmitt Wright from Oklahoma, is visiting Mr and Mrs. Luce Wright.

Born, July 10, to Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Christmen, a girl.

Miss Olive Sands has returned from an extended visit in Burkburnett.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. Grady Johnson and baby and Mrs. Walter Johnson from Durant, Okla., visited Mrs. Cobb's family recently.

Mrs. Alice Burchard, Mrs. Claude Christmen and Miss Ola Huggins were in Decatur on business last Tuesday.

Ray Kelly from Fairie Point, is visiting Mrs. Charl Kelly.

Mr. Donald Sand ...m Borger, is visiting his mother, Mrs. Ola Sands.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Baten and family and Misses Lucille and Ruth Griffith visited Mrs. M. A. Baten on Sunday.

Mr. Tom Stribblin, who has been seriously ill, is improved at present.

ALLISON NEWS

We had several showers Monday that will be of some help to the corn. Thrashing is about finished here. The grain was real good, but the price is low.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Lambert, with Dick and Bettie Jo, attended the funeral of Mrs. Lambert's brother, Jess Holliman, who died in Ellis county last week. He had been ill with typhoid fever for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Ramsey entertained a number of friends on last Sunday.

About ten o'clock last Sunday Claud Caraway in passing Jess Caraway's thrashing machine, noticed it was on fire. He rushed for aid and the blaze was extinguished in a short while. The machine was damaged to the extent of several hundred dollars.

Virginia Leake, who has been with relatives here for some time, was called to her home in McKinney last week end on account of the illness of her mother.

Jess Caraway and family entertained relatives and friends from Estelline last week.

A number of our folks attended the funeral of Mr. George Rann near Decatur last Saturday.

Dallas Bullard was in Fort Worth and Dallas last week .

BRUMLOW NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. L. Byrd and children of the Valley View community, spent last Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Carter.

Mrs. C. F. Stockton spent the week-end in Dallas

Misses Mildred and Hazel Austin, Gladys Smith and Jaunita Lagrone spent Monday evening with Miss Dorothy Roberts.

Mr.and Mrs. Bob Lagrone and daughter, Jaunita, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Gregg and family of Alvord.

Mr. and Mrs. Dude Leguire and baby spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Wells Motes.

Mr. and Mrs. Orval Walker and children and Mrs. Alton Christman and children spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Hillin.

Miss Hezel Austin spent the first of the week with Misses Cleo and Mary Ruth Patton of Decatur.

Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Vandiver from Decatur, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Felix England.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Rhine and baby spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rhine.

Mrs. Minnie Evans of Dallas spent last week with Mrs. N. R. Roberts.

Mrs. Minnie Davis of Altus, Okla., is visiting her sister, Mrs. Albert Smith.

Mrs. Onnie Greer has been visiting her nephew, Mr. Alf Walker and family.

Mrs. Francis Kelley o fSycamore, spent Thursday with Alf Walker and family.

Misses Gladys Smith and Euphama Walker attended church at Sycamore Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Powell from South Texas, are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Powell.

Mr. Alf Walker and children and Mrs. Onnie Greer spent Monday with Mr. and Mrs. George Foster of Sycamore .

Mrs. D B. Hillin and daughter, Francis, spent Friday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Stribblin of the Rush Creek community.

Mrs. A. A. Walker and baby spent last week with relatives in Decatur.

Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Motes spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Arch Parrish.

Mrs. Charley Barker and children spent last week with her mother in Krum.

Charter No. 168

OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE

Decatur Building & Loan Association

at Decatur, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 30th day of June, 1931.

ASSETS

Real Estate Loans to Members,	$169,713.93
Stock Loans,	175.00
Due from Banks,	3,592.79
Cash,	101.31
Interested earned but not collected,	1,682.57
Insurance, Taxes, Etc., paid for Members	364.88
TOTAL	$175,630.48

LIABILITIES

Installment Stock,	$ 85,005.55
Advance Payment Stock,	58,149.78
Fully Paid Stock	30,500.00
Legal Reserve,	592.58
Undivided Profits	1,382.57
TOTAL	$175,630.48

STATE OF TEXAS
County of Wise

We, J. L. Ward as President and W. W. Boyd as Secretary of said Association, each of us do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

J. L. WARD, President.
W. W. BOYD, Secretary.

CORRECT—ATTEST:
E. P. GIBSON, C. P. DODSON, J. H. LYNCH, Directors.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 10th day of July, A. D., 1931.
(Seal)
W. O. BAILEY,
Notary Public, Wise County, Texas.

General Insurance

LIFE, FIRE, TORNADO, AUTOMOBILE
and Farm Insurance of All Kinds

BUTTRILL & COLLINS

"INSURANCE THAT PAYS"
BASEMENT M'MURRAY-GETTYS BUILDING
Decatur, Texas

Vacation Rates

The Crazy Water Hotel at Mineral Wells, Texas, announces very low rates for those who desire a real health vacation. Excellent room with outside exposure, ceiling fans, circulating ice water and private bath as low as $1.50 per day. Other good rooms as low as $1.00 You can be a guest of this magnificent Hotel, built at a cost of approximately a million dollars, as cheap as you can stay at home.

Come on to the Crazy Water Hotel, Mineral Wells, Texas
"Where America Drinks Its Way to Health"
For further information write or wire

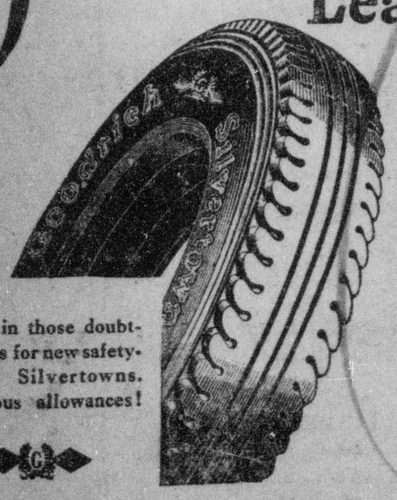
CRAZY WATER HOTEL COMPANY

MINERAL WELLS, TEXAS

this TERRIBLE ACCIDENT could have been avoided

Nearly 1,000,000 people were killed or injured in automobile accidents last year, 90% of which were avoidable.

Join the Silvertown Safety League today



Trade in those doubtful tires for new safety-tested Silvertowns. Generous allowances!

EVERY day scores of gruesome tragedies occur on the streets and highways of this country. Human bodies, like this car, are being twisted and mangled *needlessly*.

32,500 people were killed—960,000 injured in automobile accidents last year. How can we put a stop to it? By having as many local motorists as possible sign and observe the SILVERTOWN SAFETY LEAGUE PLEDGE. One of these pledges is waiting at our store for your signature. Come in today. Join in this nation-wide movement to save lives. It costs you nothing.

Goodrich Silvertowns

SUMMIT GARAGE

North Trinity Street — Decatur, Texas

Going! Going Strong

RIEGER'S

BIG BARGAIN SALE

Continued 8 More Days, Closing Saturday, the 25th

Men's Scout Shoes	$1.29	Silk Dresses	$2.98
Tennis Shoes, size up to 6,	49c	$1.95 Wash Dresses	98c
Work Shirts, 39c, 3 for	$1.00	Girls' Wash Dresses	49c
Union Suits, 39c, 3 for	$1.00	12 Yards Best Domestic	98c
$1.00 Work Shirts	69c	36 inch Prints	9c
Boys' Overalls	49c	Oil Cloth	15c
Unionalls, age 2 to 8	39c	8 oz A. C. A. Ticking	19c
Men's Cotton Hose	8c	Ladies' Silk Hose	19c
Children's Slippers	98c	1-4 Elastic—2 yards	5c
Ladies' Slippers	98c	400 yard spool thread	8c
Hose Supporters	15c	Ladies $2.95 Hats	79c
Men's $1.50 Dress Caps	98c	Ladies' Hats to $4.95	$1.49
Boys' Dress Caps	49c	Garza Sheets—81-90	69c
Young Men's Oxfords	$2.48	Children's Ankletst	12c
Ladies' Slips, $1.95 and	$2.95	La. Step-ins, Bloomers	29c
Hope Bleached	9c	36 inch Flat Crepe	88c

J. J. Rieger Dry Goods Company

By Booth Mooney

It may be a little late for tales about the Fourth, but afer all one should be allowed a little time for recuperation Me especially, since the third happened to be the anniversary of my birth, and I felt constrained to celebrate that with fitting ceremonies.

Bu here's what I'm trying to tell: A gentleman, who happens to work in the sar e place as I, was in attendance at the picnic at Bridgeport, along with his wife and two children.

One of these children is a very young little fellow, perhaps even younger than children usually are. Right in the midst of the festivities and everything, he took a sudden notion. You know how boys that are very young are apt to act!

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Proud Papa took Sonny Boy out beyond the realms of sanitary health conditions. While he was stooping behind a car, a bevy of oldish ladies came trooping after him in hot pursuit. One of them yelped, "That's him, that's him, and he's got the baby now!"

My friend didn't know what it was all about and intimated as much. They obviously didn't believe him. Half a dozen of them wanted to lead him before the J. P. or some other high muckelty-muck, and the rest wanted to lynch him on the spot.

It came out that he was accused of kidnapping his boy, with the intention of holding him for ransom. And ever sinne then, Mr. Lusk has quit telling people that his son looks just like he does.

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It shouldn't have been any trouble to fill the calabooses, for there was certainly a superabundance of deputy sheriffs present at the occasion. Deputy sheriffs at a picnic are a cruel lot. They haul in those who are too damply patriotic, and they roust young people, who have grown weary of walking, out of cars. Tck-tck-tck!

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Just kidding (you know what an old cut-up I am), I asked a guy why he didn't grow a mustache.

He looked regretful "I'd like to," he said sadly, "but I can't do it. My mustache got drowned out when I was young."

"Drowned out?" I questioned curiously.

"Yeah," he replied laconically, "I had a cold."

It took me several minutes to catch on, but when I did, you should have heard the whoopee snicker I turned loose.

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This reminds me of a tale, which I shouldn't tell, of a modern young couple who went into a clinch and a kiss that quite effectually shut out the whole world. When they came up for air, the boy thoughtfully said, "Oh, I believe I got your choon' gum."

"No," the girl replied, just as the gentleman had about his mustache, "I have a cold."

This younger generation!

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Gettie Gold-digger opines that the one thing worse than a man without a country would be a country without a man

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Even in these times of soup kitchens and moratoriums, there is still one class which is living on the fat of the land—salesmen of flesh reducing medicines.

NEW SOUTH HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB TO MEET

The New South home deconstration club will meet all day Wednesday, July 22nd, at Mrs. G. W. Burke't's, to can corn and peas. Each member is asked to get in touch with Mrs. Floyd Clifton and give her your order for cans.

It pays to read the Classifieds.

T. J. PETTY, O. D.
Optometrist
Frames, Lenses and Accessories Always Carried.

666
LIQUID OR TABLETS
Relieves a Headache or Neuralgia in 30 minutes, checks a Cold in first day and checks Malaria in three days.
666 SALVE FOR BABY'S COLD

County School News

By Mrs. Oma Cartwright, Supt.

The New Rural Aid Bill

The rural aid bill for the biennium 1931-32 and 1932-33 is different from the past bills in several instances.

All teachers, supervising officers, and bus drivers must have their contracts approved by the county superintendent. Teachers' contracts can not be approved until their certificates are registered, and bus drivers' contracts can not be approved until their bonds are made and filed.

Teachers' contracts must be made on the regulation forms furnished by the state department ofeducation and furnished through the office of the county superinendent.

This applies to ALL schools, applying for aid, regardless of size or classification.

Transfers

One section of the bill makes provision for the transfer of an entire school, or any part of the school, unable to maintain a satisfactory school, to an adjoining district. Provision is made for the satisfactory adjustment of funds. Should the schools desire to consolidate during the year, they would still be eligible for the consolidation bonus.

Bonus for Consolidation

The new rural aid bill provides for a more liberal amount for consolidation than any previous bill.

The amount received on each original district in the consolidation is determined by the class of school maintained, the number of teachers employed, and the valuations of the districts, and ranges from $400 to $1000 on each district in the consolidation.

Transportation Aid

Schools may receive $400 transportation aid on each bus used, provided they can show a need for that amount.

The list of specific requirements as to equipment will be worked out by the state board of education and made public later on.

Boonsville to Vote Additional Bond

The Boonsville school district will have an election July 25, to determine whether they will vote an additional $1000 bond in order that they may add another room to their building and employ another teacher.

Decatur, Brumlow and Dan to Vote On Consolidation

At a joint meeting of the trustees of the Decatur, Brumlow and Dan school districts it was decided to order an election to determine whether the Brumlow and Dan schools will consolidate with Decatur for the coming school term. If this election carries, the schools can qualify for the $1000 bonus on each district as provided for in the new rural aid law.

All-talking pictures are shown at the Majestic.

Substitutes Are Never Genuine

Always something lacking in substitute that's always there in original. Genuine Carter's Little Liver Pills containing pure vegetable calomel, give tried and true relief for torpid, sluggish liver. Starting bile flowing freely, they flush body clean. Carter's Little Liver Pills come in red bottles. Substitutes are insults to your liver. Take Carter's.

CONSTIPATION take

"IF I got constipated, I would get dizzy and have swimming in my head. I would have very severe headache.

"For a while I thought I wouldn't take anything—maybe I could wear out the headaches; but I found they were wearing me out.

"I found Black-Draught would relieve this, so when I have the very first symptoms, I take Black-Draught and now I don't have the headache.

"I am a firm believer in Black-Draught, and after using it 20 or more years, I am satisfied to continue its use."
—F. B. McKinney, Orange Park, Fla. E-171

THEDFORDS
Black-Draught

WOMEN who are run-down, or suffer every month, should take Cardui. Used for over 50 years.

Fundamentalist Church

Attendance at all services last Sunday was remarkably good in spite of the extreme heat and the absence of the pastor, who is away in a meeting at Mountain Park, Okla.

Rev. Grady Hall brought the message at the morning hour, and Rev. George Jackson preached at the evening service.

On next Monday night, July 20th, two of our young preachers begin a meeting at Midway school house, out east of Decatur. These young preachers are making wonderful progress in their calling, and are preaching the word in such power and simplicity that numbers are being converted under their ministry. Marvin McDaniel and Grady Hall need no introduction to any Wise county audience and we are sure that their meeting at Midway will result in much and lasting good to the entire community.

The church is looking forward in happy anticipation to a great day next Sunday on the return of our pastor. Pastor Scott W. Hickey is known far and wide as one of the greatest preachers of the Gospel in the entire south today, and his messages for next Sunday will be worth coming miles to hear.—Reporter.

He agreed that prohibition should be repealed, but he got sore when his wife made him re-peel the potatoes for the salad.—The Pathfinder.

Anyway, modern music is a strict observer of the blue laws.—Arkansas Gazette.

Don't be a hitch-hiker on life's highway—furnish your own conveyance or hoof it.—Boston Transcript.

Charter No. 12416 Reserve District No. 11

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE

FIRST NATIONAL BANK

of Paradise, in the State of Texas, at the close of business on June 30, 1931.

RESOURCES

1. Loans and discounts	$47,842.13
2. Overdrafts	139.34
4. Other bonds, stocks, and securities owned	1,000.00
6. Banking house, $2500, Furniture and Fixtures $850	3,350.00
7. Real estate owned other than banking house	1,677.00
8. Reserve with Federal Reserve Bank	2,892.35
9. Cash and due from banks	1,812.79
TOTAL	$58,713.61

LIABILITIES

15. Capital stock paid in	$25,000.00
17. Undivided profits—net	60.75
21. Due to banks, including certifed and cashiers' checks outstanding	4.58
22. Demand deposits	27,848.08
23. Time deposits	1,100.00
26. Bills payable and rediscounts	4,700.20
TOTAL	$58,713.61

STATE OF TEXAS,
County of Wise:
I, J. H. Nix, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
J. H. NIX, Cashier.

CORRECT—ATTEST:
O. L. HARTSELL, J. A. SIMMONS, ALF BROWN, Directors.
(Seal) Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10 day of July, 1931.
E. P. GIBSON, Notary Public.

REDUCED EXCURSION FARES

THE DENVER ROAD

TO COOL
COLORADO

Colorado Springs $35.10 Denver $38.85
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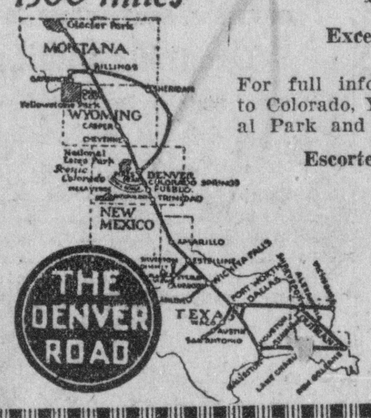

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